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The Honorable Commissioner
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, the Applicant encloses herewith copies of references which are considered to be pertinent to the above-identified application with translations of any non-English language references, if available. The references are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 as a convenience to the Examiner and the Patent and Trademark Office.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

1. United States Patent No. 3,164,285 (Melich)
INSULATED HOT PLATE ASSEMBLIES

Melich describes a hot plate assembly, in which a hot metal plate is adapted to be enclosed in an insulating holder and covered by means of a metal cover so constructed that the plate holder and the cover may be stacked in such a manner that the hot plate is insulated from contact with persons handling the stacked hot plates.

2. United States Patent No. 4,508,768 (Kornely *et al*)
PROTECTIVE LINER FOR VESSELS

Kornely *et al* describes a protective liner for vessels such as cooking pans, which have interior surfaces (either natural or covered) with thin, nonstick coatings. The liner protects the interior surfaces from damage during manufacturing, packing, shipping, unpacking and display by covering the surfaces. The liner also prevents vessels from binding together when they are nested, by spacing

the vessels to prevent tight insertion of one vessel within another. The liner is made of a thin flexible material. Its edge section grasps the rim of the vessel to be protected, while its bottom web section and spacer web section substantially cover the interior surfaces of the vessel.

3. United States Patent No. 5,048,688 (Hicks, Jr.)

SCRATCH PREVENTION PAN LINER

Hicks, Jr. describes a scratch prevention pan liner which includes a monolithic body having a configuration conforming to the inner non-stick coated surface of a unit of cookware, the monolithic body being formed with a recess in its upper surface to receive the bottom surface of a superposed cookware unit. In a second aspect, the liner is formed from a dish-shaped member provided with a central pad from which radiate ribs configured to form a recess within which a superposed unit of cookware may be nested. To align and retain the handles of multiple cookware units oriented in a common vertical plane, U-shaped members are provided to cradle and embrace such handles.

4. United States Patent No. 5,988,385 (Stephens)

FRYING PAN PROTECTOR

Stephens describes a frying pan protector for stacking frying pans on top of each other to prevent damage to their non-stick coatings. Accordingly, the device comprises a concave dish positioned between two stacked frying pans. The dish is made of a sufficiently yielding material to prevent scratching the non-stick surface on the bottom pan. The top surface of the protector is shaped to conform to the underside of the top frying pan. Spacers projecting from the bottom of the dish elevate it so that it supports the underside of the top frying pan. The spacers also minimize the surface area in contact with the non-stick coating on the bottom frying pan for further reducing the possibility of damage.

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APPLICANT(S): Jacqueline Margaret Kyle**U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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B	4508768	April 2, 1985	Kornely et al			
C	5048688	Sept. 17, 1991	Hicks, Jr.			
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